

The chapter is also recognized for its outreach efforts to local high school and college students to recruit and advance the project management profession. PMIWDC serves as an exemplary model for the PMI Global values of professionalism, volunteerism, community, and engagement.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my congratulations and ask that my colleagues join me in commending PMI's Washington, D.C., Chapter for its leadership and outreach in the community.

TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MICHAEL
T. BURNS

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael T. Burns, who is retiring as the General Manager of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority after eight years of highly distinguished service to the users and employees of our public transit system.

Michael Burns has been an outstanding leader of the VTA. He's been a dependable steward of public funds. He has improved efficiency and transit services, secured federal grants, and completed major capital projects. Under his leadership, VTA opened its first express lanes and developed a partnership with Caltrans called the iTEAM to deliver highway projects in Silicon Valley more effectively. He initiated bus rapid transit on heavily traveled corridors, and promoted the use of the latest technological innovations. He has also fostered recognition of deserving employees and enhanced diversity in the workplace.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a thoroughbred professional, Michael T. Burns, on the occasion of his retirement from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority. He has served with honor and distinction, and earned the respect of his fellow public servants and the entire community.

The shoes of Michael Burns will be difficult to fill, but he leaves the VTA on sound financial footing. I wish him every blessing in his well deserved retirement and salute him for a storied career in public service in the transportation sector. He has strengthened the Silicon Valley region and our country with his extraordinary leadership and our entire community is grateful to him.

THE ELECTION OF MR. WILLIAM J.
STANLEY III AS CHANCELLOR OF
THE COLLEGE OF FELLOWS OF
THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
ARCHITECTS

HON. JOHN LEWIS

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent, Mr. William J. Stanley III, on his election as Chancellor of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Stanley was elected to the College of Fellows' highest position in July at the American Institute of Architects National Con-

vention in Denver, Colorado, and he will be inaugurated on December 12, 2013.

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is a professional organization for architects in the United States. It is comprised of more than 79,000 licensed architects and associated professionals. The AIA's most prestigious honor is the designation of a member as a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. A jury of peers awards Fellowship to members who have made contributions of national significance to the profession. Only about two percent of AIA members have been honored by appointment to the College of Fellows. Mr. Stanley's distinction not only recognizes his individual, architectural achievements but also elevates his significant, societal contributions.

Mr. Stanley is the founder and principal for design of the firm Stanley, Love-Stanley, P.C. In 1972, he became the first African-American graduate of Georgia Tech's College of Architecture. He began his private architectural practice in 1977 with Ivenue Love-Stanley, also an AIA Fellow and his wife of 35 years.

Literally, Mr. Speaker, you can find his legacy and beautiful innovative designs throughout Metro Atlanta, across the country, and around the world. His amazing work has been featured in numerous books and periodicals, and he has more than 40 award-winning projects to his credit. His designs in Atlanta include the Olympic Aquatic Center for the 1996 Centennial Olympic Games, the historic Fulton County Courthouse, Ebenezer Baptist Church, the John Hope Hall Science Research Facility at Morehouse College, the Reynolds Cottage at Spelman College, the Thomas Cole Research Center at Clark Atlanta University, the Catholic Center at Atlanta University Center, B.E.S.T. Academy at Benjamin S. Carson All Male Middle and High School, and the Nanotechnology Research Center at Georgia Tech. Outside Atlanta, his handiwork includes the Health & Physical Education Complex at Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia; the L.H.O. Spearman Technology Center at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas; and the Wilberforce Institute in South Africa.

Mr. Stanley has served on the National Board of the American Institute of Architects, as the South Atlantic Regional Director, and as past President of AIA Georgia. In 1995, Mr. Stanley was awarded the Whitney M. Young, Jr. Citation, one of the AIA's highest honors, presented to the country's most socially-conscious architect. In 1999, the Georgia chapter of the AIA bestowed upon Mr. Stanley the Bernard Rothschild Medal, the chapter's highest award. In 2011, AIA Atlanta presented him with its Ivan Allen, Sr., Trophy for sustaining the highest ideals of the profession of architecture through his contributions of service to the Atlanta community. He has also lectured and served as a visiting critic and jury member throughout the United States, Europe, and Africa.

Throughout his career, Mr. Stanley has frequently found himself in positions on projects where he was the first or the only African American with leadership or design responsibility. Even today, he says, "the profession of architecture has very few persons of color among its ranks." Not only does Mr. Stanley's body of work inspire countless young architects of all backgrounds, but he has also broken down invisible barriers through his examples and actions. He is determined to open the door to generations of aspiring architects.

As Fellows, Mr. Stanley and Ms. Love-Stanley take their shared legacy to heart by mentoring countless young architects. Mr. Stanley has served in various leadership positions, affording him the opportunity to mentor young students of architecture academically and professionally, including two years as the President of the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA). For the past 27 years, Stanley, Love-Stanley, P.C. has sponsored a scholarship award and internship for the most improved architecture students of African descent. Every day, they inspire young people of color in the AIA, NOMA, and the Metro Atlanta community in general.

Mr. Speaker, architecture holds a special place in my heart. As you know, I love art and history in any form, and architects work so hard and so long to become experts in countless fields—arts, science, math, construction to name a few—in order to design, create, save, and restore beautiful masterpieces for countless generations.

I cannot fully express my great appreciation of Mr. Stanley and Ms. Love-Stanley's service and dedication to Metro Atlanta, nor how deeply proud I am of Mr. William J. Stanley III, FAIA, NOMA, for receiving this well-deserved honor.

INTRODUCTION OF BREAST CAN-
CER AWARENESS COMMEMORATIVE
COIN ACT

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, last month we recognized Breast Cancer Awareness Month—acknowledging the toll the disease takes on individuals and families, and the importance of continued research and awareness efforts. Since 1989, thanks to earlier detection, increased understanding, and improved treatment, the death rates for breast cancer have continued to decrease. Yet breast cancer remains the second leading cause of cancer death in women, with one in 36 women dying from the disease. While breast cancer used to be considered a disease of aging, recent trends show that more aggressive forms of the disease have been increasingly diagnosed in younger women. Just this year, it is estimated that 232,340 women will be diagnosed with and 39,620 women will die of cancer of the breast in the United States.

We need to do more to tackle this disease. Each year roughly \$16.5 billion is spent in the United States on breast cancer treatment, according to the National Cancer Institute estimates. While the federal government remains the largest funder of breast cancer research in the United States, in 2012, the National Cancer Institute reduced funding by almost \$30 million and the Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program grants decreased more than 22 percent from 2010 funding levels.

Additional private sector support will help us find a cure for breast cancer even faster. That is why my colleague Representative Aaron Schock and I are introducing the Breast Cancer Awareness Commemorative Coin Act. Additional private sector support will help us find